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SUBJECT: ACTING HEAD OF IRAQI INTELLIGENCE

1. IRAQI GAZETTE OF MARCH 21 CARRIES PRESIDENTIAL
DECREE OF MARCH 1 NAMING RCC MEMBER AND INTERIOR
MINISTER IZZAT IBRAHIM AS ACTING HEAD OF THE MUKHABBARAT
(IRAQI INTELLIGENCE SERVICE). DECREE STATES THAT IZZAT
IBRAHIM WILL FILL POST UNTIL "RETURN OF SAADOUN SHAKIR
TO IRAQ".

2. COMMENT: ALTHOUGH WE UNDERSTAND THAT SAADOUN SHAKIR
WAS SEEN IN LONDON ON MARCH 3, WE ARE INCLINED TO VIEW
DECREE AS COVER FOR REAL REASON WHY SAADOUN SHAKIR WAS
REMOVED, I.E. AS SCAPEGOAT FOR SECURITY LAPSES ASSOCIATED
WITH NAJAF AND KERBALA DISTURBANCES. WE BELIEVE, HOWEVER,
THAT SAADOUN SHAKIR'S ECLIPSE WILL BE TEMPORARY. DECREE
INDICATES THAT THE POSITION OF THE HEAD OF THE
MUKHABBARAT IS NOW DESIGNATED A "PRESIDENCY" RATHER
THAN ITS FORMER RANK OF "DIRECTOR GENERAL." NOW
THAT SAADOUN SHAKIR IS A MINISTER OF STATE AND A
FULL MEMBER OF THE BAATH PARTY REGIONAL COMMAND, THE
"PRESIDENCY" TITLE WOULD BE MORE APPROPRIATE FOR
HIM.

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